

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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originally filed claims 1 to 20 have been replaced by claims 1 to 19]

- 5        1. Profiled bar intended for fixing to the top side of a window, door or the like, which bar comprises:  
            an internal, preferably prismatic first cavity for accommodating a raising mechanism for raising cords for a variable covering for the window, door or the like,  
10      such as a roller blind, a pleated blind or the like, which internal cavity is accessible from outside via continuous holes in the bar for passage of at least one control cord and at least two cords which are or can be connected for driving to the underside of the covering,  
15      for instance a substantially rigid beam connected to the lower edge of the covering;  
            at least one prismatic second cavity which extends in the longitudinal direction of the bar and which debouches via a constriction onto the outside of the  
20      bar, which second cavity serves to receive the upper edge of the covering, which is embodied such that it fits into this second cavity but is too wide to pass through the constriction; and  
            two mutually coupled profiles which together bound  
25      the first cavity, in at least one of which profiles said holes are present;  
            characterized in that  
            the two profiles are mirror-symmetrical.
- 30        2. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles consist of wood or a wood-like material.
- 35        3. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the two profiles are prismatic.
- 35        4. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein both ends of the bar have openings which connect onto the first cavity and which are each closed by a plug.

**AMENDED SHEET (ARTICLE 19)**

5. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plugs consist of the same material as the two profiles.
- 5 6. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the bar has continuous holes through which fastening screws can be placed to fasten the bar to the top part of a window, door or the like.
- 10 7. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles are identical.
- 15 8. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles are mutually coupled in the plane of symmetry extending through the prismatic second cavities.
9. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the edges of the holes are rounded.
- 20 10. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the profiles are connected non-releasably to each other, for instance by glueing.
- 25 11. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:  
a drive roller onto which the control cord engages for rotating driving thereof; and  
a number of wind-up rollers for the raising cords  
30 which are connected to this drive roller, for instance are arranged on the same shaft therewith.
12. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:  
35 guide means for the raising cords which are also the control cords;  
wherein each of the cords is connected with a fixed end to the bar, extends downward and is trained through 180° round the upward windable or at least partially  
40 lower zone of the covering, extends upward again, enters the first cavity via a raising cord hole, extends

herein in substantially horizontal direction, leaves the cavity once again via a control cord hole and extends downward therefrom in vertical direction.

5        13. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of a transparent material, for instance a plastic such as acryl, polycarbonate or plexiglass.

10      14. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of a metal, for instance aluminium.

15      15. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of an opaque plastic, for instance PVC, PP or PE.

16. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 3, wherein the two profiles are each manufactured by extrusion.

20      17. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein at least one of the two profiles is provided with a mounting profile, via which the relevant part can be fixed to the building structure.

25      18. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 17, wherein the mounting profile takes a prismatic form.

19. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 18, wherein  
30      the mounting profile is manufactured by extrusion.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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1. claims: 1,2,14-17

Profiled bar

1.1. claims: 1,3-13

Profiled bar

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2. claims: 1,18-20

Profiled bar

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